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H PASS: CONGRESSMAN BRUCE CAPUTO, HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES WASHINGTON DC

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

REF: CONGRESSMAN CAPUTO'S LETTER 5/4/78.

1. EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED MAY 4, 1978 CONCERNING MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ROOCK, FRIENDS OF YOUR CONSTITUENT MR. ELLIOT SEIDEN. ON APRIL 27, 1978 THE EMBASSY POSTED A LETTER TO YOU DETAILING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY YOU IN YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 3, 1978. HOPEFULLY, YOU ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER WHICH TRANSMITTED THE ROOCK'S RESUMES THAT YOU REQUESTED.

2. ON MAY 16, 1978 MR. ROOCK AGAIN VISITED THE EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY GDR AUTHORITIES TO REPORT TO LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS ON THE MORNING OF MAY 16. DURING MR. ROOCK'S DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE GDR AUTHORITIES WERE FOCUSING ON THE ROOCK REQUEST TO EMIGRATE FROM THE GDR. MR. ROOCK WAS ASKED, AMONG OTHER QUESTIONS, WHAT BORDER CROSSING POINT HE ANTICIPATED USING WHEN HE LEAVES THE GDR, AND WHETHER HE WISHED TO TRAVEL AS A STATELESS PERSON OR AS A GDR CITIZEN. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO  
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DETERMINE IF THE GDR AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO GRANT EXIT PERMISSION TO THE ROOCK FAMILY, THE ABOVE DESCRIBED INTERVIEW IS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY RPT MAY RESULT IN THE ROOCK FAMILY BEING GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION FOR IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. ON MAY 9, 1978 EMBASSY OFFICERS REPRESENTED THE

ROOCK FAMILY CASE, ALONG WITH OTHERS, TO THE GDR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AT THAT TIME, THE MFA WAS MADE AWARE OF YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE. WE CANNOT JUDGE AT THIS EARLY DATE TO WHAT EXTENT OUR REPRESENTATION AND YOUR INTEREST ON BEHALF OF MR. SEIDEN HAVE ASSISTED THE ROOCK FAMILY. IT IS OUR BELIEF, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTORY TO THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT REPORTED ABOVE. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ROOCK CASE. BOLEN

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